

Selected National and Railroad Data

Year or month	Index of Industrial Production (1987 = 100)	Consumer Price Index [1] (1982-84 = 100)		Index of Leading Economic Indicators (1987 = 100)	U.S. Civilian Labor Force (millions) [2]		Railroad Labor Force (thousands)			Benefit Payments [4] (millions)		Railroad Freight Ton Miles (billions)	Railroad Payrolls (billions)			
		CPI-W	CPI-U		Employed	Unemployed	Employed		Unemployed	RRA	RUIA		Creditable		Total	RUIA
							Number	Percent Change [3]					RRA [5]			
													Tier I	Tier II		
1985	94	106.9	107.6	95.3	107.2	8.3	372	-5.8	25	6,270	179	876	12.7	12.12	10.82	2.86
1986	95	108.6	109.6	97.7	109.6	8.2	342	-8.1	26	6,380	185	875	12.5	11.96	10.70	2.65
1987	100	112.5	113.6	100.0	112.4	7.4	320	-6.4	20	6,545	164	948	12.5	11.88	10.50	2.48
1988	104	117.0	118.3	100.1	115.0	6.7	312	-2.5	13	6,740	87	1,000	12.2	11.66	10.28	2.38
1989	106	122.6	124.0	99.7	117.3	6.5	308	-1.3	10	6,984	86	1,003	12.1	11.51	10.26	2.72
1990	106	129.0	130.7	98.4	117.9	6.9	296	-3.9	11	7,258	99	1,035	11.8	11.38	10.22	2.74
1991	104	134.3	136.2	97.1	116.9	8.4	285	-3.7	11	7,569	79	1,039	12.0	11.56	10.33	2.71
1992	108	138.2	140.3	98.1	117.6	9.4	276	-3.2	9	7,747	74	1,064	12.7	11.89	10.57	2.71
1993	112	142.1	144.5	98.7	119.3	8.7	271	-1.8	7	7,899	69	1,107	12.4	11.70	10.48	2.73
1994	118	145.6	148.2	101.6	123.1	8.0	266 [6]	-1.8	7	8,004	63	1,208	12.5	11.87	10.65	2.78
1995	122	149.8	152.4	101.3	124.9	7.4	264	-0.8	6	8,074	63	1,288				
1995-January	122	147.8	150.3	102.5	122.6	8.1	262	0.0	9	679	6					
February	122	148.3	150.9	102.2	123.3	7.7	263	0.4	8	673	7					
March	122	148.7	151.4	101.8	123.9	7.5	264	0.0	8	679	8	322				
April	121	149.3	151.9	101.2	124.3	7.4	268	0.8	6	678	5					
May	121	149.6	152.2	101.0	124.6	7.2	268	1.1	4	667	5					
June	121	149.9	152.5	101.2	125.7	7.7	267	-0.7	3	675	4	317				
July	122	149.9	152.5	101.1	126.5	7.9	266	-1.1	5	674	3					
August	123	150.2	152.9	101.3	125.9	7.5	265	0.4	4	667	3					
September	123	150.6	153.2	101.2	125.2	7.2	264	-1.9	4	674	6	314				
October	122	151.0	153.7	100.7	126.0	6.9	263	-1.9	5	669	5					
November	123	150.9	153.6	100.5	125.6	7.0	263	-1.9	6	669	5					
December	123	150.9	153.5	100.7	125.1	6.9	261	-2.2	6	670	6	335				
1996-January	123	151.7	154.4	100.2	123.1	8.3	255	-2.7	10	685	8					
February	124	152.2	154.9	101.5	124.1	7.9	255	-3.0	9	677	8					
March	124	152.9	155.7	101.8	125.0	7.7	255	-3.4	8	683	8	314				
April	125	153.6	156.3	102.2	125.4	7.1	258	-3.7	5	681	5					
May	125	154.1	156.7	102.4	126.4	7.2	258	-3.7	4	669	5					
June	126	154.1	156.7	102.9	127.7	7.4	256	-4.1	4	680	4	324				
July	126	154.3	157.0	103.1	128.6	7.7	257	-3.7	5	681	2					
August	127	154.5	157.3	103.3	127.1	6.8	N/A	N/A	4	671	3					

1 CPI-W based on wage-clerical worker spending patterns, CPI-U on expanded population sample covering all urban consumers.

2 Data for 1994 and later is not directly comparable with data for 1993 and earlier years.

3 Increase (+) or decrease (-) from previous year or from same month in previous year.

4 Amounts shown for 1986 and later are not directly comparable to amounts shown for earlier periods. These amounts are being reported on a cash basis, whereby all amounts represent transactions that occurred during the period. Retirement benefit payments shown for a month now include the recurring benefits paid on the first of that month. Formerly, benefit payments included the recurring benefits due for a month, which were paid on the first of the next month. RUIA benefits no longer include any amounts which are due but not paid by month-end, or recoveries not posted to individual benefit accounts. RRA amounts may include small offsets for cancelled checks. 1985 RUIA amounts includes beneficiaries paid, or amounts paid for, supplemental extended unemployment benefits under RUIA amendment (Section 17). 1992-1994 RUIA amounts include payments under Title V of the Emergency Compensation Act of 1991, as amended, which provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional benefits to those with 10-14 years.

5 Tier I and Tier II creditable payrolls, which became effective with the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, have annual earnings bases. Tier I payroll includes miscellaneous compensation.

6 Employment total does not include Soo Line strikers.

NOTE:---Annual labor force figures are averages of 12 mid-month figures. Mid-month employment count is estimated number of employees in active pay status on carrier reporting date, excluding strikers and other employees whose absence from duty is strike-related, and without regard to whether such excluded employees are qualified for or receiving RUIA unemployment benefits. Railroad unemployed represents number claiming benefits in week including the 15th of month. Benefits are net amounts paid during the month and do not necessarily relate to the period in which accrued. RRA benefits include payments from the Dual Benefits Payments Account. Quarterly figures shown opposite last month of quarter. Changes from preceding month's report reflect revisions based on later data.